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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NORTHEASTNORTHEAST PLANTS SUPPLY FARM IMPLEMENTS -- Liao-nan Jih-pao, 23 Oct 48

Since beginning operations on 20 August 1948, the Kokiang Farm Implement Factory has produced 90 wagons, more than 100 cornhuskers and 20 rice threshers. By using the husker, a worker can produce 333 pounds of corn a day.

At Ku-shan Hsien in Antung Province, the T'ung-ch'ang Iron Works, before the autumn harvest, manufactured 50 carts and 2,500 sickles. They were sold at low prices to disaster areas, to be paid for after harvest without interest. This plant plans to make 300 new carts and many new-type plows for spring ploughing.

In Ch'i-ch'i-ha-erh (Taishan) the 78 firms in the cart-making business made more than 2,200 carts between January and August 1948.

TA-LIEN SODA WORKS RESUMES OPERATIONS -- Shih-hua Pao, 24 Oct 48

The Ta-lien Soda Works is a large factory, producing soda ash, sodium sulfate and other such chemicals, which are used in chemical and drug industries in Kwantung. After the Japanese surrender, the plant lay idle for 2 years and much of the machinery rusted. Before the liberating forces took possession, the Japanese destroyed about 80 percent of the equipment. Thanks to USSR help in replacing the large machinery, the plant was able to resume operations on 11 June 1948.

There are now seven sections in the plant producing various products. Workers number 940, including four managers and five assistants, 58 technicians and 76 foremen. These were all elected in the last 6 months by the workmen. Classes have been established for technical training. The Soviet manager is very interested in the training of the workers, and devotes a great deal of time and material for this purpose.

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Production has now increased to 40 tons per day. On 15 September 1948, new equipment which raised the capacity of the plant to 75 tons per day was added. The workers are eager to raise production next year to the level achieved by the Japanese.

TA-LIEN PRIVATE IRON INDUSTRIES -- Ta-lien Jih-pao, 16 Oct 48

According to statistics dated August 1948, there are 157 private machinery and ironworks operating in Ta-lien with an aggregate capital of 192,321,000 yuan. There are also 93 metal-works with a total capital of 53,369,000 yuan. Of these 250 factories, about 40 have been established by aid from publicly-operated enterprises, including the Kuang-ho Ironworks of the Shih-yeh (Industrial) Company, the Chien-hsin (Reconstruction) Company, and the Ch'uan-ch'u (Dockyard) Factory. Among those established without aid from publicly-operated industries are the Tzu-chih Nail Factory, which produces 18 kegs of nails per month for foreign consumption, and a number of plants manufacturing machinery and tools.

The number of employees in private ironworks in Ta-lien is uncertain, but on the basis of union membership there are approximately 900. The largest factory has about 40 employees.

TA-LIEN FACTORY PRODUCES INSULATED WIRE -- Kwantung Jih-pao, 5 Oct 49

After a year of planning, a local factory has begun producing insulated wire, much needed in Ta-lien for telephones, radios, and other purposes. The factory employs 20 men and women. At present, it produces four to five spools of 300 meters each per day, but the present force could produce 10 spools a day if the plant were worked to capacity. One difficulty is lack of capital. The current product is not as good as that made previously, but is equal to that made elsewhere.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN THE NORTHEAST -- Liaoning J'h-pao, 3 Oct 48

Many industries are returning to normal in the Northeast. The Kirin government match company has practically reached presurrender production. The Northeast Paper Company in Antung has resumed production after a lapse of 4 years and is turning out large quantities of white newsprint. The Liaopoh Paper Factory is now producing white slick paper. The Ma-tan-chiang Ironworks has increased its equipment to 3 times its former capacity.

PRODUCTION AT CH'UAN-YEH COMPANY -- Ta-lien Jih-pao, 26 Sep 48

During July and August 1948 a total of 788 persons were hired and trained by the Ch'uan-yeh Company in Ta-lien.

Forty rope-making machines have been added to the equipment of Factory No 2 of the company which expects to install machinery operated solely by electricity.

The entire textile mill of Factory No 2 has been moved to Ling-ch'ien Ch'u. Two cotton spinners and two carpet-weaving machines have been added to its equipment, and 20 looms will be added shortly. Construction of a chemical plant for Factory No 2 has been completed. Future plans call for the manufacture of simple chemicals and drugs.

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Factory No 3 is responsible for maintenance and manufacture of equipment for the other factories. During the past 2 months, the entire factory has been occupied with repairing equipment. It is now busy making looms.

July and August 1948 production figures for the three factories are as follows:

Factory No 1 -- 9,495 straw screens, 49 kilograms of rope, and 400 pieces of quilting

Factory No 2 -- 2,350 kilograms of cotton yarn, 190 bolts of wide cloth, and 3,200 kilograms of cotton scrap

Factory No 3 -- repaired 3 tons of metal machinery and tools, one cotton gin, 4 carpet-weaving machines, and produced 3 looms

STEAMSHIPS TO BE BUILT IN TA-LIEN -- Ta-lien Jih-pao, 21 Sep 48

On 11 September 1948, the Ch'uan-ch'u Factory laid the keels for five steamships, the first large project since liberation on 15 August 1945. Work was actually begun on 29 July 1948 when two skilled technicians were put in charge of the job.

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